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Election of members of the functional commissions of the Council

Note by the Secretary-General*

1. Pursuant to section V of Economic and Social Council resolution 557 C (XVIII) of 5 August 1954, as amended by the Council's decision of 19 December 1968, information on the forthcoming vacancies in the functional commissions to be filled by the Council at its resumed organizational session for 2005 is set out in the annex below.

2. Under the terms of Council resolution 1147 (XLI) of 4 August 1966, in 2005 the members of the Statistical Commission, the Commission on Population and Development, the Commission for Social Development, the Commission on Human Rights, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, the Commission on Sustainable Development and the Commission on Science and Technology for Development are elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution according to a specified pattern. The pattern applicable to each functional commission is indicated in the annex, together with the current membership.

* The present document was submitted late pending a decision by the Economic and Social Council regarding changes to the pattern of elections for the Commission on Population and Development.

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Annex

Membership of the functional commissions in 2005

Statistical Commission

(24 members; four-year term)

Five members from African States

Algeria* (2005), Cape Verde (2007), Ghana* (2005), Kenya (2007), South Africa* (2005)

Four members from Asian States

China (2008), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2007), Japan (2008), Republic of Korea (2007)

Four members from Eastern European States

Croatia (2007), Hungary (2008), Russian Federation* (2005), Ukraine (2007)

Four members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Colombia (2008), Costa Rica* (2005), Cuba (2007), Mexico (2008)

Seven members from Western European and other States

Denmark* (2005), Germany (2008), Netherlands (2008), New Zealand* (2005), Spain* (2005), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2008), United States of America (2007)

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Eight members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Three members from African States;

One member from Eastern European States;

One member from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Three members from Western European and other States.

* Retiring member.

Commission on Population and Development

(47 members; four-year term)

Twelve members from African States

Botswana* (2005), Cameroon (2008), Comoros (2008), Democratic Republic of the Congo (2006), Gambia* (2005), Kenya (2007), Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (2007), Madagascar (2007), Mauritania (2006), Morocco (2008), Nigeria* (2005), Zambia* (2005)

Eleven members from Asian States[a]

Bangladesh (2008), China* (2005), India* (2005), Indonesia (2008), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2006), Japan (2007), Malaysia (2008), Pakistan (2007), Philippines (2006), Thailand* (2005)

Five members from Eastern European States

Armenia (2007), Bulgaria (2008), Hungary (2006), Poland* (2005), Russian Federation* (2005)

Nine members from Latin American and Caribbean States[b]

Bolivia (2006), Brazil (2008), El Salvador (2006), Guyana (2008), Jamaica* (2005), Mexico* (2005), Nicaragua* (2005), Peru (2008)

Ten members from Western European and other States

Belgium (2008), Canada (2008), France (2007), Germany (2008), Ireland* (2005), Luxembourg (2006), Netherlands (2007), Norway* (2005), Switzerland (2008), United States of America* (2005)

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Sixteen members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;

Four members from Asian States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Three members from Western European and other States.

* Retiring member.

[a] There is one vacancy in this group for a member whose term would begin on the date of election and expire on 31 December 2005.

[b] There is one vacancy in this group for a member whose term would begin on the date of election and expire on 31 December 2007.

Commission for Social Development

(46 members; four-year term: membership of the forty-fourth session (2005-2006))

Twelve members from African States

Angola (2009), Central African Republic (2007), Côte d'Ivoire (2008), Democratic Republic of the Congo (2009), Ethiopia (2008), Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (2007), Mali (2008), Senegal (2007), South Africa (2009), Tunisia (2008), United Republic of Tanzania (2009), Zambia (2007)

Ten members from Asian States

Bangladesh (2009), China (2009), Democratic People's Republic of Korea (2009), India (2007), Indonesia (2008), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2007), Japan (2008), Myanmar (2009), Pakistan (2007), Republic of Korea (2008)

Five members from Eastern European States

Czech Republic (2009), Republic of Moldova (2008), Romania (2007), Russian Federation (2008), Ukraine (2009)

Nine members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Argentina (2007), Bolivia (2009), Chile (2008), Dominican Republic (2007), Haiti (2008), Paraguay (2009), Peru (2008), Suriname (2007), Venezuela (2009)

Ten members from Western European and other States

Finland (2009), France (2008), Germany (2008), Italy (2009), Malta (2007), Monaco (2009), Netherlands (2009), Spain (2007), Turkey (2007), United States of America (2008)

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There are no upcoming vacancies on the Commission for its forty-fifth session (2006-2007).

Commission on Human Rights

(53 members; three-year term)

Fifteen members from African States

Burkina Faso* (2005), Congo (2006), Egypt (2006), Eritrea (2006), Ethiopia (2006), Gabon* (2005), Guinea (2007), Kenya (2007), Mauritania (2006), Nigeria (2006), South Africa (2006), Sudan (2007), Swaziland* (2005), Togo (2007), Zimbabwe* (2005)

Twelve members from Asian States

Bhutan (2006), China* (2005), India (2006), Indonesia (2006), Japan* (2005), Malaysia (2007), Nepal (2006), Pakistan (2007), Qatar (2006), Republic of Korea (2007), Saudi Arabia (2006), Sri Lanka* (2005)

Five members from Eastern European States

Armenia (2007), Hungary (2006), Romania (2007), Russian Federation (2006), Ukraine* (2005)

Eleven members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Argentina* (2005), Brazil* (2005), Costa Rica (2006), Cuba (2006), Dominican Republic (2006), Ecuador (2007), Guatemala (2006), Honduras (2006), Mexico (2007), Paraguay* (2005), Peru (2006)

Ten members from Western European and other States

Australia* (2005), Canada (2007), Finland (2007), France (2007), Germany* (2005), Ireland* (2005), Italy (2006), Netherlands (2006), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2006), United States of America* (2005)

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Fifteen members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;

Three members from Asian States;

One member from Eastern European States;

Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Four members from Western European and other States.

* Retiring member.

Commission on the Status of Women

(45 members; four-year term: membership of the fiftieth session[c])

Thirteen members from African States

Algeria (2007), Botswana* (2006), Burkina Faso* (2006), Congo (2007), Gabon* (2006), Ghana (2008), Mali (2009), Mauritius (2008), Morocco (2009), Nigeria (2007), South Africa* (2006), Sudan* (2006), United Republic of Tanzania (2009)

Eleven members from Asian States

China (2008), India (2007), Indonesia* (2006), Iran (Islamic Republic of)* (2006), Japan (2009), Kazakhstan (2008), Malaysia* (2006), Qatar (2009), Republic of Korea* (2006), Thailand (2007), United Arab Emirates* (2006)

Four members from Eastern European States

Armenia (2007), Croatia (2009), Hungary (2008), Russian Federation (2007)

Nine members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Belize (2009), Bolivia (2007), Cuba* (2006), Dominican Republic (2008), El Salvador (2008), Guatemala* (2006), Nicaragua* (2006), Peru (2009), Suriname (2008)

Eight members from Western European and other States

Belgium (2007), Canada (2007), Germany (2009), Iceland (2008), Netherlands (2009), Turkey (2007), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2009), United States of America (2008)

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Thirteen members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Five members from African States;

Five members from Asian States;

Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States.

* Retiring member.

[c] In accordance with Council decision 2002/234, the Council will elect the new members for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting, in 2006, of the Commission's fifty-first session, and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-fourth session in 2010.

Commission on Narcotic Drugs

(53 members; four-year term)

Eleven members from African States

Algeria (2007), Burkina Faso* (2005), Cameroon (2007), Democratic Republic of the Congo (2007), Gambia* (2005), Madagascar (2007), Nigeria* (2005), South Africa* (2005), Sudan (2007), Uganda (2007), Zambia (2007)

Twelve members from Asian States[d]

China* (2005), India (2007), Indonesia* (2005), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2007), Japan* (2005), Lao People's Democratic Republic (2007), Lebanon (2007), Malaysia (2007), Myanmar (2007), Pakistan* (2005), Thailand (2007), United Arab Emirates (2007)

Six members from Eastern European States

Belarus* (2005), Bosnia and Herzegovina (2007), Croatia (2007), Hungary (2007), Russian Federation* (2005), Ukraine* (2005)

Ten members from Latin American and Caribbean States[d]

Argentina (2007), Brazil (2007), Chile (2007), Colombia* (2005), Cuba (2007), Guatemala (2007), Jamaica* (2005), Mexico* (2005), Nicaragua* (2005), Peru (2007)

Fourteen members from Western European and other States

Australia* (2005), Austria (2007), France (2007), Germany (2007), Israel (2007), Italy (2007), Netherlands* (2005), Norway (2007), Spain* (2005), Sweden (2007), Switzerland (2007), Turkey* (2005), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland* (2005), United States of America (2007)

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Twenty members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;

Four members from Asian States;

Three members from Eastern European States;

Four members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Five members from Western European and other States.

* Retiring member.

[d] One seat to rotate between Asian States and Latin American and Caribbean States every four years. The rotating seat was allocated to Asian States in 2003 for a four-year term beginning 1 January 2004.

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

(40 members; three-year term)

Twelve members from African States

Algeria* (2005), Botswana (2006), Burundi (2006), Central African Republic* (2005), Comoros* (2005), Ethiopia* (2005), Egypt (2006), Gambia* (2005), Mauritania* (2005), Nigeria (2006), Uganda* (2005), Zambia* (2005)

Nine members from Asian States

China* (2005), India (2006), Indonesia (2006), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2006), Japan* (2005), Pakistan* (2005), Republic of Korea* (2005), Saudi Arabia (2006), Thailand (2006)

Four members from Eastern European States

Croatia* (2005), Czech Republic (2006), Russian Federation* (2005), Ukraine (2006)

Eight members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Brazil (2006), Cuba (2006), El Salvador* (2005), Jamaica (2006), Mexico (2006), Nicaragua* (2005), Paraguay (2006), Peru* (2005)

Seven members from Western European and other States

Austria* (2005), Canada (2006), Finland (2006), Italy* (2005), Turkey* (2005), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2006), United States of America (2006)

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Twenty members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Eight members from African States;

Four members from Asian States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Three members from Western European and other States.

* Retiring member.

Commission on Sustainable Development

(53 members; three-year term: membership of the fourteenth session[c])

Thirteen seats for African States

Algeria (2007), Burkina Faso (2007), Cameroon (2008), Democratic Republic of the Congo (2008), Ethiopia* (2006), Ghana (2007), Guinea-Bissau* (2006), Sierra Leone (2007), Sudan* (2006), Tunisia (2008), Uganda* (2006), Zambia (2008), Zimbabwe (2008)

Eleven seats for Asian States

China (2008), Democratic People's Republic of Korea (2008), Fiji* (2006), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2007), Japan* (2006), Kazakhstan (2007), Pakistan (2007), Qatar (2007), Republic of Korea* (2006), Saudi Arabia (2008), Thailand (2008)

Six seats for Eastern European States

Belarus (2008), Georgia (2007), Hungary* (2006), Russian Federation* (2006), Serbia and Montenegro (2008), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (2007)

Ten seats for Latin American and Caribbean States

Belize (2008), Bolivia (2008), Brazil (2007), Colombia (2007), Cuba (2008), Honduras* (2006), Jamaica* (2006), Mexico (2008), Paraguay (2007), Saint Lucia* (2006)

Thirteen seats for Western European and other States

Australia* (2006), Austria (2007), Belgium (2008), Canada (2008), Finland (2007), France (2007), Germany (2008), Israel (2008), Italy (2008), Luxembourg (2007), Netherlands* (2006), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland* (2006), United States of America* (2006)

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Sixteen members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;

Three members from Asian States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Four members from Western European and other States.

* Retiring member.

[c] In accordance with Council resolution 1997/63, the Council will elect the new members for a three-year term beginning at the organizational meeting, in 2006, of the Commission's fifteenth session and expiring at the close of the Commission's seventeenth session in 2009.

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

(33 members; four-year term)

Eight members from African States

Angola (2008), Democratic Republic of the Congo (2008), Ethiopia (2006), Gambia (2008), Lesotho (2006), Morocco (2006), Sierra Leone (2008), Sudan (2006)

Seven members from Asian States

Bangladesh (2006), China (2006), India (2006), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2006), Jordan (2008), Oman (2008), Pakistan (2008)

Four members from Eastern European States

Belarus (2006), Romania (2006), Russian Federation (2008), Slovakia (2008)

Six members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Bolivia (2006), Brazil (2008), Chile (2006), Jamaica (2008), Paraguay (2006), Peru (2008)

Eight members from Western European and other States[f]

Austria (2008), Belgium (2006), Germany (2006), Greece (2006), Italy (2008), Turkey (2006), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2008)

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There are no upcoming vacancies on the Commission for terms beginning in 2006.

[f] There is one vacancy in this group for a term expiring on 31 December 2008.